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## 1. Re-Equipment

- a. In order to be able to gauge the eventual striking force of the KVP, the units of the following posts are to be issued entirely new equipment, to be drawn from arms depots at Goelitz and Markgrafenheide: Schwerin-Sternbuchholz, Prora/Rügen, Eggesin, Viereck and Torgelow.
- b. It is not intended to issue the above new units with new types of equipment, but only with new weapons of a type which have already been in use, such as heavy hand grenades, machine guns and AT guns.
- c. The following tank units will also receive new equipment which will include an average of seven to ten JS-II tanks per regiment: Spechtberg (Division Eggesin), Zeithain (Tank School or Regiment), and Spremberg/Niederlausitz (Heavy Tank Regiment).
- d. The rearming of these units is to be completed by 30 June 1955. The above units are considered to be politically reliable and Soviet advisers have again been attached to them.

## 2. Training

- a. Three-month courses to train future officers and NGO's are at present being held at: Lüssnitz/Aue, Priemerburg, Kreis Güstrow/Mecklenburg, Bogensee (Jugendhochschule), and Liebenwalde.
- b. Trainees consist of volunteers who have already undergone preparatory military training in the GST and the VP; men who have had preparatory training with the KVP will not be eligible. The volunteers bind themselves to serve for a minimum period of six years as officers and NGO's in the KVP. Those eligible must be between the ages of 25 and 35.
- c. The trainees will be called to serve with the KVP as and when the establishments in the KVP permit. In the meantime, they will serve as NGO's and officer candidates ("Offiziersanwärter") and the combat groups in the GST. Thus a reserve is being built up from which future officers can be drawn.

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3. Personalities

- a. Generalmajor Rentzsch, C.O. of the Northern Army Group.
- b. Ci/C of rearming units: Generalmajor Lattmann, in charge of the re-equipment program.
- c. Colonel Munther of "Kommando Nord", deputy to Lattmann.

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